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Sir:

This subject Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in connection with applicants' continuing duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56. This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination, thus a Certification under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) is not required.

LISTING OF RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

The relevant documents are listed in the attached Form PTO/SB/08.

REMARKS

US 6,297,415 is an English language equivalent of WO 1997/48466.

US 4,744,956 is an English language equivalent of JP 01-274835.

US 4,227,021 is an English language equivalent of JP 53-141212.

GB 1 416 194 is an English language equivalent of JP 48-63974.

An English language abstract and a machine translation has been provided for JP 06-345404.

Applicants present these references so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention, see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Also see Patent Office Rule 104. Applicants respectfully request that these references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

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